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Remarks

Entry of the foregoing proposed amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the proposed amendment makes the claims allowable for the reasons discussed below.

By this proposed amendment, claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-19 and 21-23 remain pending, claims 4, 6, 11, 12 and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 5, 9 and 19 are amended.

Applicants Comments Regarding Examiner's Response to Arguments

On page 10 of the outstanding Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that the Applicants' previous amendment regarding the inclusion of "wherein said display zone is user customizable and independent of events associated with the calendar application" is confusing because it is difficult to comprehend a time zone that is independent from the calendar application. Applicants disagree.

The above-mentioned phrase, "wherein said display zone is user customizable and independent of events associated with the calendar application," does not state that the time zone is independent from the calendar application, but does state that the display time zone is independent of events associated with the calendar application. In other words, events associated with the calendar application may be associated with a first time zone, or any other time zone, while the display time zone may be a time zone that is independent of any of the time zones associated with the events of the calendar application.

Rejection of Claims 9-14, 16, 18-21 and 23

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-14, 16, 18-21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,845,257 to Fu et al.

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("Fu"). Applicants propose canceled claims 11, 12 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants propose amending independent claim 9 to include the features of claims 11 and 12 and amending independent claim 19 to include the features of claim 20. Applicants traverse the rejection with respect to proposed amended claims 9 and 19, which include the features of canceled claims 12 and 20, respectively.

Proposed amended claim 9 is directed to a handheld computer having time zone information management. Amended claim 9 recites, among other things, a calendar application running on a programmed processor to store an event associated with a duration of time in which the event is to take place for a first time zone, where the calendar application further operates to establish a display time zone by receiving a message indicating that a time zone change has occurred and an input from a user confirming a change in time zone.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that Fu, at col. 19, lines 43-45, discloses that the establishing of the display time zone further comprises receiving an input from a user confirming a change in time zone. Applicants disagree with the Examiner.

Fu, at col. 19, lines 35-45, with reference to Fig. 15A, discloses:

At 521, the user has traveled to Sydney and has entered a 2:00 PM business appointment, in local time. The time display for the events are shown at 523. In particular, the 10 AM Scotts Valley event and the 4:50 PM Hong Kong event are automatically adjusted to display the events in the then-current local time. The Sydney event, on the other hand, remains at 2:00 PM local time since the user has not yet traveled to a new time zone (relative to that event). When the user does travel to a new time zone, the Sydney event can be updated to the then-current local time, if desired, using the above-described conversion.

Thus, Fu discloses that when a user travels to a new time zone, an event entered for a different time zone can be updated to the new local time, if desired. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Fu of receiving an input from a user confirming a change in time zone, as required by claim 9.

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Because Fu does not disclose each and every feature of amended claim 9, amended claim 9 is not anticipated by Fu. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 9 be withdrawn.

Claims 10 and 13-18 depend from amended claim 9 and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed with respect to amended claim 9. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10 and 13-18 be withdrawn.

Amended Claim 19 is similar to amended claim 9 and is not anticipated by Fu for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to amended claim 9. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 19 be withdrawn.

Claims 21 and 23 depend from amended claim 19 and are not anticipated by Fu for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 19. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 21 and 23 be withdrawn.

The proposed amendment cancels claims 11, 12 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejection of claims 11, 12 and 20 moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 11, 12 and 20 be withdrawn.

Rejection of 1-8

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fu in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0116541 to Parker et al. ("Parker"). Applicants traverse the rejection with respect to claim 6. Applicants propose amending claim 1 to include the features of dependent claims 4 and 6.

Amended claim 1 is similar to amended claim 9. Applicant submits that Fu fails to disclose all of the features of amended claim 1 for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claim 9. Parker fails to satisfy the deficiencies of Fu. Therefore, Applicants submit that neither Fu nor Parker disclose or suggest, separately or in any combination, that the establishing

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of the display time zone further comprises receiving an input from a user confirming a change in time zone, as required by amended claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, amended claim 5 and claim 7 depend from amended claim 1 and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 be withdrawn.

Claim 8 is directed to an electronic storage medium storing instructions which, when carried out on a programmed computer processor, carry out the method according to claim 1. Applicants submit that claim 8 is patentable for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to amended claim 1.

Claims 4 and 6 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer thereby rendering moot the rejection of these claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claims 4 and 6 be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 15, 17 and 22

On page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15, 17 and 22 as allegedly being unpatentable over Fu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,402 to Devine et al. ("Devine"). Applicants submit that the proposed amendments to claims 9 and 19 obviate the rejection.

Claims 15 and 17 depend from claim 9. For at least the reasons discussed above, with respect to claim 9, Applicants submit that Fu fails to disclose each and every feature of claims 15 and 17. Devine fails to satisfy the deficiencies of Fu. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 15 and 17 are patentable over Fu and Devine and respectfully request that the rejection of claims 15 and 17 be withdrawn.

Claim 22 depends from claim 19. For at least the reasons discussed above, with respect to claim 19, Fu does not disclose each and every feature of claim 22. Devine also fails to satisfy

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the deficiencies of Fu. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 22 is patentable over Fu in view of Devine and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 22 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed Amendment After Final places the subject application in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicants further submit that because the amended claims were amended to include the features of dependent claims, which Applicants submit are patentable, no new issues were raised by the proposed amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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